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NOTE VERBALE DATED 2 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 28 and 30 June 1993, there appear to have been seven flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been seven flights between 25 and 27 June 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 624.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(28-30 June 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				[28 June: no violations reported]	
633	29 June	1101	1130	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 30 kilometres north-east of Zenica. The fighters investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 HIP helicopter. The fighters transmitted radio warnings and maintained visual contact until the helicopter landed on a prepared grass pad in Zenica. Upon leaving the area for operational requirements, the fighters observed the helicopter on the ground with its engine shut down. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
634	29 June	1411	1833	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 40 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. The fighters investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 HIP helicopter with a blue band and a red cross on the right side. Despite radio warnings, the MI-8 continued its mission. The fighters monitored the helicopter until it landed at Visca Airport (quarry site south-west of Tuzla; see serial No. 630). The helicopter took off numerous times for short flights in the quarry until it finally terminated operations. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Slow Low
635	30 June	1302	1429	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 50 kilometres north-west of Tuzla. The fighters investigated and made visual contact with a green Gazelle helicopter with a red cross. The fighters observed the helicopter landing 55 kilometres north-west of Tuzla. Upon landing, the helicopter shut down its engine. It was monitored until the fighters had to depart the area owing to operational requirements. This flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Low

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
636	30 June	1355	1355	The ECMM team in Zenica observed a white MI-8 HIP helicopter with a red cross landing in Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low
637	30 June	1550	1555	NATO fighters observed a Gazelle helicopter (previously reported as serial No. 635) on the ground 50 kilometres north-west of Tuzla. The fighters observed four people near the Gazelle and a vehicle departing the area. The Gazelle became airborne and landed 30 kilometres west of Tuzla immediately after being intercepted by NATO fighters. Upon leaving the area for operational requirements, the fighters observed the Gazelle still on the ground with its engine shut down. This flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow Low
638	30 June	1650	1725	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 15 kilometres south-east of Zenica. The fighters investigated and made visual contact with a white MI-8 HIP helicopter with a blue stripe and a red cross. Despite radio warnings, the helicopter continued its mission and landed south-west of the Sarajevo Airport in a field next to the Olympic ski-jump site. Shortly after landing, the helicopter was observed shutting down its engine. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Slow Low
639	30 June	1755	1825	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 10 kilometres south of Sarajevo. The fighters were directed to investigate and made visual contact with an MI-8 HIP helicopter. Despite radio warnings, the helicopter continued and landed 3 kilometres east of Zenica. Once on the ground, the helicopter was observed shutting down its engine. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Slow Low

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Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(25-27 June 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
640	25 June	1422	1429	A flight of NATO fighters shadowing an unauthorized flight (serial No. 628) observed another MI-8 HIP helicopter on the ground at the place where serial No. 628 had just landed to the south-west of Sarajevo. The second HIP was seen to take off and fly to the south of Sarajevo where it landed near to serial No. 628. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Slow Low
641	26 June	1003	1005	An ECMM team at Zenica observed a white MI-8 HIP helicopter with a blue band and a red cross approach and land in the western part of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	N/A
642 643 644	27 June	1520	1530	An ECMM team in Zenica observed two white MI-8 HIP helicopters with blue bands and red crosses landing in the western part of Zenica. Ten minutes later, a third MI-8 HIP approached and landed at the same spot. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	N/A
645 646	27 June	1520	1545	NATO fighters passing over Zenica observed a white MI-8 HIP helicopter with a blue stripe parked on a landing pad. The helicopter was not there when the fighters returned 20 minutes later. An aircraft, which the fighters believed to be the same helicopter, was observed 10 minutes later landing on the pad. The helicopter took off again 5 minutes later. The fighters, having momentarily lost the helicopter, re-established radar contact approximately 16 kilometres north-west of the landing pad. Visual contact was made 2 minutes later on what the fighters believed to be the same helicopter, preparing to land again at the pad in Zenica. The helicopter shut down its engine, and no further activity was detected. The flights of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low